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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Home Builder Registration - Application and Renewal Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of eliminating certain application and renewal fees under the
4 Maryland Home Builder Registration Act for applicants and registrants that
5 hold a valid contractor's license under certain provisions of law; and generally
6 relating to application and renewal fees charged for Maryland home builder
7 registration.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Business Regulation
10 Section 4.5-203(b), 4.5-303(a), and 4.5-305(c)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Business Regulation**

16 4.5-203.

17 (b) (1) [By] SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS IMPOSED IN THIS TITLE, BY
18 regulation, the Division shall establish reasonable fees that may not exceed \$600 over
19 a 2-year period, and a fee schedule for the issuance and renewal of registrations.

20 (2) The fees charged shall approximate the direct and indirect costs of
21 administering and enforcing the Maryland Home Builders Registration Act.

22 4.5-303.

23 (a) (1) To apply for registration, an applicant shall:

24 [(1)] (I) submit to the Unit under oath an application on the form
25 provided by the Unit; and

1 [(2)] (II) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
2 pay a nonrefundable application fee established through regulation.

3 (2) AN APPLICANT THAT HOLDS A VALID CONTRACTOR LICENSE UNDER
4 TITLE 8 OF THIS ARTICLE MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY AN APPLICATION FEE
5 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

6 4.5-305.

7 (c) (1) The Unit shall renew the registration of each registrant that:

8 [(1)] (I) submits to the Unit a renewal application on the form provided
9 by the Unit;

10 [(2)] (II) would qualify for an initial registration;

11 [(3)] (III) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
12 pays the renewal fee established by regulation; and

13 [(4)] (IV) is otherwise entitled to be registered.

14 (2) A REGISTRANT THAT HOLDS A VALID CONTRACTOR LICENSE UNDER
15 TITLE 8 OF THIS ARTICLE MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY A RENEWAL FEE UNDER
16 THIS SUBSECTION.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 June 1, 2001.